

REMARKS

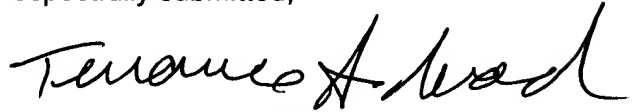
Claims 8, 9, 19, 27, 28, and 31 are canceled. Claims 1, 10, and 20 are amended. Claims 1-7, 10-18, 20-26, 29, and 30 remain in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the elements and limitations of cancelled claims 8 and 9. Claim 1 therefore corresponds to claim 9 rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim (claim 1) and the one intervening claim (claim 8). Claim 1 is therefore allowable as are claims 2-7 and 10-18, which depend from claim 1.

Claim 20 has been amended by incorporating the elements and limitations of cancelled claims 19, 27 and 28. Claim 20 therefore corresponds to claim 28 rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim (claim 19) and the intervening claims (claims 20 and 27). Claim 20 is therefore allowable as are claims 21-26, 29, and 30, which depend from claim 20.

Accordingly, all claims remaining in this application are allowable, early notice of which is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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